

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ, and P.A., Jr.,

Plaintiffs,

-against-

ADMINISTRATION FOR CHILDREN’S SERVICES,  
CITY OF NEW YORK, ET AL.,

Defendants.  
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ORDER  
10-CV-4661 (JG)

GOLD, STEVEN M., U.S.M.J.:

I last held a conference in this case on January 27, 2012. Shortly before the conference, I was informed that Patrick Alford, who sues in his own name and as guardian for J.A., had been shot. Mr. Alford was in a coma at the time the conference was held and his prognosis was not known. Tr. of January 27, 2012, Docket Entry 185 (“Tr.”), at 6. While Mr. Alford’s condition has since improved, he remains hospitalized and has limited ability to speak. Letter of February 28, 2012, Docket Entry 190.

Certain defendants argued at the conference that discovery should be stayed for at least thirty days while Mr. Alford was incapacitated. I denied that application because, among other reasons, Mr. Alford’s testimony was likely to be of only secondary relevance and because it was impossible to know whether and when Mr. Alford might be well enough to testify. Tr. at 13-15.

By letter dated February 22, 2012, defendant St. Vincent’s Services Inc. seeks reconsideration of my ruling. Docket Entry 189. A party moving for reconsideration must “point to controlling decisions or data that the court overlooked – matters, in other words, that might reasonably be expected to alter the conclusion reached by the court.” *Shrader v. CSX Transp., Inc.*, 70 F.3d 255, 257 (2d Cir. 1995). “The standard for granting such a motion is strict, and reconsideration will generally be denied.” *Shrader*, 70 F.3d at 257. Moreover, a

